

The Small Pox.

The small pox exists in St. Louis undoubtedly to an alarming extent. Various private letters from there for a month past, from different reliable individuals, have assured us that it is now an epidemic, and that local surveillance or quarantine cannot stop its progress. The papers do not speak of it simply from the fact that it is to their interest and the interest of the whole business community to remain silent, and discourage every mention of it. But we know it to be there in a virulent form, and hundreds of others know it, but there are no precautionary measures taken by those persons visiting the city to prevent its spreading in the country? A single case might be the means of prostrating a whole neighborhood with the most loathsome disease known to our history, to say nothing of the deaths that would perhaps follow its introduction among us. Let every physician in our country supply himself with vaccine matter at the earliest opportunity, and let every citizen, old or young, male or female, become thoroughly vaccinated before visiting the city; indeed, it would be a wise measure even if they staid at home; but by all means be prepared for the source which is doing where it is when the facility for doing so is so readily at hand.

Thorough vaccination we believe to be an absolute preventive in most cases. In some, however, it will not prevent but in nearly every case it will greatly modify the disease, so that it is shown of its terrors by a timely preparation. What prevents our people and our physicians from preparing now against a scourge that may be upon us any time?

Horace Greeley, Philosopher.

The defeated candidate for the Presidency seems to be vindictive in his right to the appellation of "Philosopher." So gracefully bestowed by the poet Whitman in his poem upon Alice Cary, in which he speaks of the farmer of the Tribune as "our later Franklin." The Tribune was hardly cold upon the wires when he returned to the sanctum of the Tribune and resumed work the same as if his absence had only been for some pleasure excursion. In many straight-forward words, he tells what has happened and what he is going to do. There is no repining, no complaining. Such a blow would have crushed some men, causing them to seek the deepest shades of obscurity. Greeley, too, no doubt, felt keenly his signal overthrow, but he has too much brains and experience with it to be cast down by such an event. He has become accustomed to misconstruction, and strong in the consciousness of his own rectitude, bravely sets about to carry on more vigorously than ever the great work of his life. A worthy President, Horace, fortune has denied to you the honor of being called President, but she has dubbed you with a higher order of distinction, and you will go down to posterity under the sublime title of Philosopher.

Just.

The St. Louis Democrat of Saturday has the following, with reference to the killing of Mr. Groves, which shows that misrepresentations cannot altogether obscure the truth from fair minds:

We print to-day the Lexington Intelligencer's account of the fatal affray in which its editor, Mr. Groves, was killed on the 8th instant by Edwin Turner, the Editor of a rival newspaper published in the same city. It seems to have been a case of unprovoked murder, and we do not see what defence Turner can make.

The Next Speaker.

The Kansas City Times, after surveying the names of the newly elected members of the legislature, and setting forth the qualifications essential for a good presiding officer, designates Judge James K. Sheely, of Jackson county, as the right man for the place. There is work to be done and much depends upon the appointment of committees, acquaintance with parliamentary law, a knowledge of men, and dignity and force of character to command respect. Judge Sheely possesses all these in an eminent degree, and we think the House would make a most judicious selection in calling Judge S. to the speakership.

The Fifth District.

In a history of the congressional returns last week, we made Col. R. P. Bland, of the Fifth District, a Radical. Col. Bland is a Democrat, but for several days his Radical opponent, Seay, was reported elected, which led to the error. Col. Bland's majority is fully eight hundred.

St. Louis is having a coal famine.

Twenty-five cents a bushel and upwards is demanded at the yards when it can be procured at only about 10,000 bushels a week at the river, and 90,000 of coal to fill contracts at 10 cents, and the balance is not sufficient to supply the outside demand.

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